

## About us

This is the latest addition to our list of creative ventures and in many ways incorporates aspects of all our previous activities and both our passions for France. We first visited this area three years ago. It was our honeymoon. We had both been to many other areas of France but well ..... there was just something special here. So much so, that we decided to look at properties. House after house disappeared from our list of possible contenders until we, one Saturday morning, drove into the medieval village of Monflanquin. "Here," we both echoed. "This is the place. Here, Here, Here."

We put in a bid for a small village house and the purchase was made final in November 2010. We had discussed adding an venture like this to our company for years. Now, we had the chance. Instead of passing each other at the front door of our house in Norway we really wanted to do something together. Allan took a year free from playing trumpet with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and Kirsten from her Deputy Head teaching responsibilities at a school on the outskirts of Bergen. The dream started to develop.



As a musician Allan has toured extensively and knows what is necessary to make any stay, an enjoyable experience. He has also arranged international tours for choirs, bands and orchestras. Running his own production company has led to the creation of many concert projects being performed at various venues around Europe. He also has his own annual conducting school in Holland and leads some of the world's best Brass Bands at various competitions throughout the year.

Kirsten is Danish. She has lived and worked in Denmark, America, Norway and now France. She has organized cultural cross over projects in Norway, Denmark and England and also organized Norway's contribution to a huge international schools' project within COMENIUS. In addition she is a bit of a whizz when it comes to languages and her enthusiasm for anything she does is pure inspiration.

## A Tailored Holiday Experience

We wanted to create something where we could call on past experience but also where we could share our fascination for different aspects of culture in a comfortable and beautiful setting. To ensure that everyone receives personal attention we have limited each 5 day period to twelve guests. Most meals are provided but you will also have time and opportunity to soak in the atmosphere at one of the charming restaurants in the square in Monflanquin.

The week will include French Lessons (don't worry, absolute beginners will be catered for, as will any level), making and eating your own three course dinner with mouth watering local products. A visit to a local Chateau and a Foie Gras museum are also planned.

*Incidentally, if you are worried about languages, between us we can manage English, Norwegian, Danish, French and German. (We are also good at pointing!!)*

In addition you can try your hand at painting . We will also throw in some musical entertainment. Please feel free to bring an instrument if you wish.

## Accommodation

Your base for the week will be one of the many renovated farmhouses with all amenities, situated just a few kilometers away from the beautiful, medieval village of Monflanquin.



We are now taking bookings for May/June 2012. All bookings, of course, are subject to availability and your booking fee must be received in full , at the latest, 2 months before your arrival date. We will send you a detailed plan for the period of your stay and please feel free to ask any questions, in the meantime, by e-mail. You are not, of course, forced to take part in all the activities but there are no minimal standards expected and it really will be a lot of fun.

## Monflanquin



Monflanquin was founded by the French, at a time when the English ruled much of this part of France, in the 13th century. Set on a hilltop, it is generally agreed to be one of the best, most intact, examples of a *bastide* town.



### Dates in May/June 2012:

Period 1: Arrival 14th May - Departure 19th May

Period 2: Arrival 21st May - Departure 26th May

Period 3: Arrival 28th May - Departure 2nd June

Please indicate period when making your booking.

### Price per person:

EUROS 749

### Price includes:

- 5 nights in shared double rooms in charming, French farmhouse with swimming pool.
- Painting Workshop incl. materials.
- Visit to the Bastide museum and local market.
- Visits to producers of fruit products and foie gras.
- Wine tasting at a local chateau.
- Cooking course – French cuisine.
- French language courses for the experienced and the not so experienced.
- Musical surprises.
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Time to relax.
- Transportation to and from sightseeing excursions.

### Travel information:

Monflanquin is well-served by airports in Bergerac (25 min), Toulouse and Bordeaux (1 h 40 min)  
Train station in Agen (50 min)  
Car hire is recommended.

### Payment details:

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